

Amendments To The Claims

This Listing Of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1 to 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): Carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate, that is a salt compound and that has a molecular ratio of the magnesium, the carnitine and the hydroxycitrate of 1:1:1.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the carnitine is L-carnitine.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is a solid.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the carnitine is L-carnitine.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is pasty.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim [[18,]] 17, wherein the carnitine is L-carnitine.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate has been prepared by the method comprising:

- (a) in a first stage, mixing carnitine, magnesium hydroxide and hydroxycitric acid, without addition of water or with addition of no more than 15 percent by weight of water based on the weight of the complete mixture containing the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate; and
- (b) in a second stage, reducing the water content of the complete mixture by drying to below 5 percent by weight, with the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate being obtained.

Claim 20 (New): Composition comprising carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate, that is a salt compound and that has a molecular ratio of the magnesium, the carnitine and the hydroxycitrate of 1:1:1.

Claim 21 (New): The composition according to Claim 20, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is L-carnitine.

Claim 22 (New): The composition according to Claim 20, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is a solid.

Claim 23 (New): The composition according to Claim 22, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is L-carnitine.

Claim 24 (New): The composition according to Claim 20, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is pasty.

Claim 25 (New): The composition according to Claim 24, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is L-carnitine.

Claim 26 (New): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxide as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the solid carnitine-magnesium hydroxide is in the form of coarse granules or fine powder.